

# DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR ORIGINAL U.S. PATENT APPLICATION

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: EXPANDED-GRAPHITE SHEET, the specification of which,

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1. ☒ is attached hereto.
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U.S. Application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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## Prior Foreign Application(s)

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) or (f), or §365(b) of any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate listed below, or under §365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States listed below, and I have identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

			Priority Not Claimed	Cert. Copy Attached
<u>PCT/JP2005/012733</u> (Application No.)	<u>PCT</u> (Country)	<u>July 11, 2005</u> (Filing Date)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>2004-249137</u> (Application No.)	<u>Japan</u> (Country)	<u>August 27, 2004</u> (Filing Date)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Power of Attorney

And I hereby appoint the law firm of Beyer Weaver & Thomas, LLP and all practitioners who are associated with the Customer Number 022434 as my principal attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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